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The american DOJ is the only authority that can do anything against the unfair market strategy of Microsoft corporation. And it may do so because, for its own interests, breaking such a monopoly would benefit the USA's state.

1- Microsoft's monopoly keeps the new economy fragile and weak.  
What would happen in case of Ms' crash ? The main industrial network in IT would be thrown to ground. Do you think people would like not to upgrade windows computers during 10 years because MS is dead ? Do you remember that anti trust laws were established after 1929 and why ?

2- This monopoly costs to the us society. The illegal and nonsense raises in software (that became necessary for most users and enterprises) involves a real robbery of the american society. The states are stolen, as their people are, when they spend million dollars just because they have to buy an up-to-date system (even if up-to-date just means more beautiful and newly marketed).

3- From a computer security point of view, having only one large scaled operating system (that can't be customized or modified in any way) is the MAIN factor that explains why viruses and security holes spread so quickly in the net. More diversity would carry more immune to the net and the american economy as well.

4- No more innovation, what a pity for such a new field : creating Operating Systems for people.... Microsoft is simply leveling down the computer science as many will tell you. Even their "innovations" are not innovations because they are not shared and this just becomes a market advantage to strengthen Ms and weaken the technology ability to change and evolve.

American founder thought it would not become another oligarchy ...  
What an amazing idea to see that justice is feared to break someone who concentrates so much power in a democracy...

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